

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: May 10, 2018

Item Number: **027**

Parks and Recreation

Approve an ordinance accepting \$40,000 in grant funds awarded by National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA); and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Parks and Recreation Department's Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to appropriate funding for the NRPA 10-Minute Walk Planning Grant and Technical Assistance.

Lead Department	Parks and Recreation Department.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$40,000 is available from National Recreation and Parks Association. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.
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Additional Backup Information:

Through the department's affiliation with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the department applied for the 10 Minute Walk Planning Grant and Technical Assistance funding. The grant's purpose is to reduce barriers to park access in underserved communities, improve environmental conditions and community health, and expand access to nature in cities across the nation. The NRPA grant aligns with the Austin Parks and Recreation Department's goals for providing greater access to residents to live within a ¼ mile from a park in the urban core and a ½ mile outside the urban core. The grant will provide for staff training opportunities and technical assistance including

gathering input from other participating municipalities by sharing best practices and innovative solutions.

The first payment of \$25,000 will be received in the beginning of the grant period and the second payment of \$15,000 will be received in September 2018. The grant budget includes the cost of travel for three individuals to attend training in Chicago, IL, monthly technical assistance phone calls, and development of a program action plan which demonstrates progress toward the program goal. No matching funds are required. The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Parks and Recreation Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.